

Reporting LGBTQ Crimes

If you are a (LGBTQ) victim of, or witness to, a crime, please report the incident to the police, either DURING, or IMMEDIATELY AFTER it occurs, BY CALLING 911. This will allow the Police Department to respond to, and statistically track, Anti-LGBTQ incidents. The Hartford Police Department can then deploy police officers and other resources to the area where these crimes are occurring.

The 911 operator needs quick and concise information, such as:

- Your injuries: 911 Operator will call medics while talking with you.
- The specifics of the crime: What happened?
- What was said: Tell the 911 operator and the responding officer if the suspect(s) used words to indicate a hate crime.
- If there was a weapon involved: Describe it as a gun, knife, etc.
- Description of suspects: Age, race, height, weight and clothing description of the suspect(s)
- Any unusual characteristics: Scars, marks, tattoos, piercings, accents, etc.
- Suspect vehicle description: Color, make, model, vehicle registration number.
- Direction of travel: Which way did they flee?

Even if you think the crime is insignificant, or that you don't want to bother the police over small issues, reporting crimes quickly allows the Hartford Police Department to:

- Respond immediately to the scene to prevent further harm to you or others.
- Collect evidence that could be destroyed if not discovered and collected quickly.
- Interview witnesses who may otherwise be gone if you delay your call to 911.
- Apprehend the suspect(s) quickly so they do not continue to victimize others.
- Determine if the suspect(s) are engaged in a pattern of previous and/or ongoing behavior that threatens the community.
- Develop solutions and/or deterrents to reduce the crime by adding patrols to the area.

